

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-16 were pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 10 being independent claims. Claims 1-8, 10-13, and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,850,477 to Takada in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,956,034 to Sachs et al. (hereinafter, "Sachs"). Claims 9 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As indicated above, Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1-16 are now pending, with Claims 1 and 10 as independent claims.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of independent Claims 1 and 10, which have been amended to recite, "resizing the entry field to be suitable for the entry of the data's size, wherein resizing the entry field includes modifying at least one of a displayed length and a displayed width of the entry field," these claims are patentable over Takada and Sachs. As stated in the Specification of the present application, "The resizing of the entry field may be implemented by modifying the length and width of the entry field." (Specification, page 12, lines 9-10).

Takada and Sachs do not teach, disclose, or suggest this feature of amended independent Claims 1 and 10. Takada and Sachs merely refer to resizing text, but do not teach, disclose, or suggest resizing the entry field itself. For example, Takada states, "[N]ormalization means processing for converting characters inputted in handwriting to a size corresponding to the width of the line 23. (Takada, column 11, lines 39-41). Further,

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Sachs states, “In the event that the text 110 is not of a size that suits the user, the size of the font on text 110 can be enlarged or reduced.” (Sachs, FIG. 3B; column 6, lines 10-12).

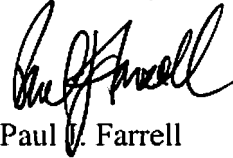
Therefore, Sachs and Takada do not teach, disclose, or suggest, “resizing the entry field to be suitable for the entry of the data’s size, wherein resizing the entry field includes modifying at least one of a displayed length and a displayed width of the entry field.” All of the claimed features of amended independent Claims 1 and 10 are not taught or suggested by the combination of Takada and Sachs or by either reference alone. Therefore Claims 1 and 10 of the present invention are patentable over Takada and Sachs. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 10 is respectfully requested.

While not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, *per se*, Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, and 16 are also allowable for at least the above reasons.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-16, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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